

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accepting at a server an article to be delivered;

accepting at said server an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

sending from said server the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at ~~the~~ a time of receiving notification at said server that delivery of the article is completed.

2. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accepting at a server an article to be delivered;

accepting at said server an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

sending from said server the electronic message associated with the article to a terminal of a deliverer who delivers the article- electronic message ~~at the~~ a time of shipping the article to deliver.

3. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accepting information at a server regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

sending from said server the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at ~~the~~ a time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of the article is completed.

4. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accepting at said server an article to be delivered;

accepting at said server an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

permitting updating the electronic message associated with the article before receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

5. (currently amended) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an article to be delivered;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic\_ message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at ~~the~~ a time of receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

6. (currently amended) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an article to be delivered;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic \_message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a terminal of a deliverer at ~~the~~ a time of shipping the article to deliver.

7. (original) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at the time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of the article is completed.

8. (currently amended) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an article to be delivered;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for permitting updating the electronic message associated with the article before receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

9. (currently amended) A unit for delivering messages, the unit comprising:

a section for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

a section for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the a article at the a time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of the article is completed.

10. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an identifier for an article, delivery of which is requested, and an electronic message directed to a receiver of the article to a server;

sending the server a request to update the electronic message sent; and

causing the server to update the electronic message based on ~~the basis of~~ the sent request ~~for update in the a case in which the server judges~~ of delivery of an the article as being incomplete, said article being associated in the server with an identifier included in the request ~~for update being judged by the server not complete.~~

11. (new) A method for coordinating timing of messages with corresponding parcels, comprising:

transmitting a message to be delivered to a recipient; and

allowing the recipient to receive the message at a time equal to or after a time at which a parcel corresponding to the message is delivered to the recipient.